

*Tuesday, April 29, 1997*

# *Daily Digest*

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed S. 305, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Francis Albert "Frank" Sinatra—clearing the measure for the President.

The House passed H.R. 1271, to authorize the Federal Aviation Administration's research, engineering, and development programs for fiscal years 1998 through 2000.

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3763–S3808*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 662–666. Page S3799

**Volunteer Protection Act:** Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 543, to provide certain protections to volunteers, nonprofit organizations, and governmental entities in lawsuits based on the activities of volunteers.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 52), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. Page S3782

Third and fourth cloture motions were filed to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, votes on these cloture motions could occur on Thursday, May 1, 1997. Page S3797

Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill on Wednesday, April 30, 1997, with a second cloture vote to occur thereon.

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—52). Page S3782

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 5:23 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, April 30, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3808.)

### *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### **PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT REPEAL**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee held hearings on S. 621, to repeal the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 and transfer residual regulatory authority from the Securities and Exchange Commission to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and State public service commissions, receiving testimony from Senator Murkowski; Isaac C. Hunt, Jr., Commissioner, Securities and Exchange Commission; Susan Tomasky, General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; Robert W. Gee, Public Utility Commission of Texas, Austin, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; Ronald J. Tanski, National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation, Buffalo, New York; Ferd. C. Meyer, Jr., Central and South West Corporation, Dallas, Texas; Les E. LoBaugh, Jr., Pacific Enterprises, Los Angeles, California; Mark N. Cooper, Consumer Federation of America, Washington, D.C.; and Larry A. Frimerman, Ohio Consumers' Counsel,

Columbus, on behalf of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

#### AIR BAG SAFETY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings to examine automobile air bag safety issues, after receiving testimony from James E. Hall, Chairman, Elaine B. Weinstein, Chief, Safety Studies Division, Office of Research and Engineering, and Barry M. Sweedler, Director, Office of Safety Recommendations, all of the National Transportation Safety Board; and Ricardo Martinez, Administrator, Philip R. Recht, Deputy Administrator, and James H. Hedlund, Traffic Safety Programs, all of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

#### TONGASS LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded oversight hearings to review a General Accounting Office evaluation of the Tongass National Forest land management planning process as implemented by the Department of Agriculture's Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Barry T. Hill, Associate Director, and Charles Cotton, Assistant Director, both of Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, Angela Sanders, Program Evaluator (Seattle, Washington), and Ned Smith, Program Evaluator, all of the General Accounting Office.

#### AIR QUALITY STANDARDS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety resumed oversight hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency implementation and health and economic effects of proposed revisions to the national ambient air quality standards for ozone and particulate matters, receiving testimony from Mayor Emma Jean Hull, Benton Harbor, Michigan; Mayor Richard P. Homrighausen, Dover, Ohio; Maryland Delegate Leon G. Billings, Annapolis; New Hampshire State Senator Richard L. Russman, Exeter; John Selph, Tulsa County, Oklahoma, on behalf of the National Association of Regional Councils; Robert C. Junk, Jr., Pennsylvania Farmers Union, Harrisburg, on behalf of the National Farmers Union; Bob L. Vice, California Farm Bureau Federation, Sacramento, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Paul Hansen, Izaak Walton League of America, Gaithersburg, Maryland; Kevin P. Fennelly, National Jewish Medical and Research Center, Denver, Colorado; Christopher M. Grande, International Trauma Anesthesia and Critical Care Society, Baltimore,

Maryland; Harry C. Alford, National Black Chamber of Commerce, and Jeffrey C. Smith, Institute of Clean Air Companies, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.; Frank Herhold, Marine Industries Association of South Florida, Ft. Lauderdale, on behalf of the National Marine Manufacturers Association; and Glenn Heilman, Heilman Pavement Specialties, Inc., Freeport, Pennsylvania.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

#### FLANK DOCUMENT TREATY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on the ratification of the Document Agreed Among the States Parties to the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE) of November 19, 1990, adopted at Vienna on May 31, 1996 ("the Flank Document") (Treaty Doc. 105-5), after receiving testimony from Lynn E. Davis, Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security Affairs; Walter B. Slocombe, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; Brig. Gen. Gary M. Rubus, USAF, Deputy Director for International Negotiations, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Sherman Garnett, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Paul A. Goble, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Joel I. Klein, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator D'Amato and District of Columbia Delegate Norton, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

#### AUTHORIZATION—ARTS AND HUMANITIES

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the National Endowment for the Arts and the Humanities, focusing on the educational programs of the endowments, after receiving testimony from Senator Hutchison; Sheldon Hackney, Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities, and Jane Alexander, Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, both of the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities; Alicia B. Dandridge, Marie Reed Community Learning Center, Washington, D.C.; Jeff Hooper, Mad River Theater Works, West Liberty, Ohio; Victor R. Swenson, Vermont Council on the Humanities, Morrisville; and Edward L. Ayers, University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

**NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS ACT**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 459, to authorize funds for and extend certain programs of the Native American Programs Act of 1974, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

**SAN CARLOS APACHE WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee held oversight hearings on the implementation of the San Carlos Apache Water Rights Settlement Act of 1992 (P.L. 102-575), receiving testimony from David J. Hayes, Counselor to the Secretary, Department of the Interior; Mayor David A. Franquero, Globe, Arizona; Mayor Van Talley, Safford, Arizona; and J. Steven Whisler and Timothy R. Snider, both of Phelps Dodge Mining Company, and John F. Sullivan, Salt River Project, all of Phoenix, Arizona.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

**MEDICARE/MEDICAID REFORM: CHRONIC HEALTH CARE**

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded hearings to examine how to improve the administration of health care services to elderly Americans with chronic conditions who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid, after receiving testimony from William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Systems Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Karin von Behren, Orange, California, on behalf of the Alzheimer's Association; Richard G. Bennett, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore; Lucy Nonnenkamp, Kaiser Permanente Health Plan, Portland, Oregon; Jeanne Lally, Fairview Hospital and Healthcare Services, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on behalf of the National Chronic Care Consortium; Bruce Bullen, Massachusetts Division of Medical Assistance, Boston, on behalf of the American Public Welfare Association; Pamela J. Parker, Minnesota Senior Health Options/Minnesota Department of Human Services, St. Paul; Barbara Markham Smith, George Washington University Medical Center, Washington, D.C.; and Sue Paul, Augusta, Maine.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 19 public bills, H.R. 1468-1486; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 74, H. Con. Res. 68, and H. Res. 135, were introduced. **Pages H1987-88**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

Supplemental Report on H.R. 2, to repeal the United States Housing Act of 1937, deregulate the public housing program and the program for rental housing assistance for low-income families, and increase community control over such programs (H. Rept. 105-76 Part II);

H.R. 1342, to make technical amendments relating to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, amended (H. Rept. 105-80);

H. Res. 133, providing for consideration of H.R. 2, to repeal the United States Housing Act of 1937, deregulate the public housing program and the program for rental housing assistance for low-income families, and increase community control over such programs (H. Rept. 105-81);

H. Res. 134, providing for consideration of H.R. 867, to promote the adoption of children in foster care (H. Rept. 105-82); and

H.R. 1469, making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, including those in Bosnia, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (H. Rept. 105-83). **Page H1987**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Bliley to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1911**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:05 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. **Page H1915**

**Suspensions:** The House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Welfare Reform Technical Corrections:** H.R. 1048, amended, to make technical amendments relating to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996;

**Pages H1917-35, H1952**

**Conservation Reserve Program Enrollment:** H.R. 1342, amended, to provide for a one-year enrollment in the conservation reserve of land covered by expiring conservation reserve program contracts (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 325 yeas to 92 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 92); **Pages H1935-38**

**Congressional Gold Medal to Frank Sinatra:** H.R. 279, to award a congressional gold medal to Francis Albert Sinatra; Pages H1938–41

**Donation of Surplus Property to Nonprofit Organizations:** H.R. 680, amended, to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize the transfer to States of surplus personal property for donation to nonprofit providers of necessities to impoverished families and individuals (agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 93). Agreed to amend the title; and Pages H1941–43, H1953

**Electric and Magnetic Fields Research:** H.R. 363, amended, to amend section 2118 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to extend the Electric and Magnetic Fields Research and Public Information Dissemination Program (agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 387 yeas to 35 nays, Roll No. 94). Page H1943–46, H1953–54

**Congressional Gold Medal to Frank Sinatra:** The House passed S. 305, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Francis Albert “Frank” Sinatra in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions through his entertainment career and humanitarian activities—clearing the measure for the President. Subsequently, H.R. 279, a similar bill passed earlier by the House was laid on the table. Page H1940

**FAA Research, Engineering, and Development Authorization Act:** By a yeas-and-nays vote of 414 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 95, the House passed H.R. 1271, to authorize the Federal Aviation Administration’s research, engineering, and development programs for fiscal years 1998 through 2000. Pages H1946–52, H1954–55

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute as amended. Page H1951

Agreed to:

The Morella amendment that specifies that the FAA grant agreements made from the Research, Engineering, and Development Account are subject to the provisions relating to competitive, merit-based award processes. Page H1950

The Jackson-Lee amendment that identifies undergraduate Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Hispanic Serving Institutions as institutions eligible for the FAA Research Grants Program Involving Undergraduate Students. Pages H1950–51

On Thursday, April 24, the House agreed to H. Res. 125 the rule that provided for consideration of the bill. Pages H1803–04

**Recess:** the House recessed at 4:08 p.m. and reconvened at 5:00 p.m. Page H1952

**Late Report:** The Committee on Appropriations received permission to have until midnight Tuesday, April 29, 1997, to file a privileged report on a bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997. Page H1952

**Supplemental Report:** The Committee on Banking and Financial Services received permission to file a Supplemental Report on H.R. 2, to repeal the United States Housing Act of 1937, deregulate the public housing program and the program for rental housing assistance for low-income families, and increase community control over such programs. Page H1955

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H1989–H2007.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1952, H1953, H1953–54, and H1954–55. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### EXPORT-IMPORT BANK REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing on the Reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank. Testimony was heard from Rita Rodriguez, Acting Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank; Meg Lundsager, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Trade and Investment Policy, Department of the Treasury; Benjamin F. Nelson, Director, International Relations and Trade Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

### NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on H.R. 1270, Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Senators Bryan, Reid and Grams; Representatives Ensign, Gibbons and Gutknecht; Lake Barrett, Acting Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy; the following officials of the NRC; Shirley Ann Jackson, Chairman; and Ed McGaffigan, Commissioner; Jared L. Cohon, Chairman, Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board; Warren D. Arthur, IV, Commissioner, Public Service Commission, State of South Carolina; Don L. Keskey, Assistant Attorney General in Charge, Public Service Division, State of Michigan; and public witnesses.

**ADMINISTRATION'S NATIONAL TESTING PROPOSAL**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families held a hearing on the Administration's National Testing Proposal. Testimony was heard from Richard W. Riley, Secretary of Education.

**DC RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on DC Retirement System: Coping with Unfunded Liabilities. Testimony was heard from G. Edward DeSeve, Comptroller, OMB; James L. Blum, Deputy Director, CBO; the following officials of the District of Columbia: Anthony Williams, Chief Financial Officer; and Betty Ann Kane, Retirement Board; and public witnesses.

**PROMOTION OUTREACH EFFORTS FOR CENSUS 2000**

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice held a hearing on "Promotion Outreach Efforts for Census 2000". Testimony was heard from Michael Morgan, Commissioner, Department of City Development, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Leon Meyer, Director, City Planning, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**JUVENILE CRIME CONTROL ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 3, Juvenile Crime Control Act of 1997.

**OVERSIGHT—FOREST HEALTH, ECOLOGY, AND MANAGEMENT**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Forest Health, Ecology, and Management. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Testimony was heard from Senators Bennett and Hatch; Kathleen McGinty, Chair, Council on Environmental Quality; Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior; Michael O. Leavitt, Governor, State of Utah; and public witnesses.

**THE ADOPTION PROMOTION ACT OF 1997**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 867, to promote the adoption of children in foster care, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman

and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(1)(6) of rule XI (3 day availability of committee reports), and sections 303(a) and 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (prohibiting consideration of budgetary legislation prior to the adoption of the budget resolution and requiring a CBO cost estimate in the committee report on legislation containing new budget authority, new spending authority, new credit authority, or a change in revenues, respectively). The rule makes in order the Committee on Ways and Means amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for amendment purposes, modified as specified in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that each section of the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified, shall be considered as read. Points of order are waived against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute for failure to comply with clause 7 of rule XVI (germaneness) and sections 303(a) and 306 (prohibits consideration of legislation with Budget Committee's jurisdiction unless reported by the Budget Committee) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Archer, Representatives Shaw, Camp, Tiahrt, and Maloney of New York.

**HOUSING OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 1997**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 2, to repeal the United States Housing Act of 1937, deregulate the public housing program and the program for rental housing assistance for low-income families, and increase community control over such programs, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Banking and Financial Services. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(1)(6) of rule XI (3 day availability of committee reports) or clause 7(b) of rule XIII (relating to cost estimate availability in the report). The rule makes in order the Banking and Financial Services Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for amendment purposes and provides that the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute be considered by title. The rule waives points of order against the Committee amendment in the nature of

a substitute for failure to comply with clause 5(a) of rule XXI (relating to appropriations in a legislative bill). Before the consideration of any other amendment, the rule provides that it shall be in order to consider the amendment printed in the Congressional Record of April 29, 1997, if offered by Representative Lazio of New York or his designee. The rule provides that the amendment shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole and all points of order against the amendment are waived. The rule provides that if the amendment is adopted, the bill, as amended, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of further amendment. The rule provides that Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record prior to their consideration will be given priority recognition to offer their amendments if otherwise consistent with House rules, and provides that pre-printed amendments will be considered as read. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Leach, Representatives Lazio, Gonzalez, and Kennedy of Massachusetts.

#### **WETLANDS—RECENT REGULATORY AND JUDICIAL DEVELOPMENTS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Wetlands—recent regulatory and judicial developments. Testimony was heard from Michael L. Davis, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Civil Works), Department of the Army; Robert H. Wayland, III, Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, EPA; and public witnesses.

#### **COORDINATED CARE OPTIONS FOR SENIORS**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Coordinated Care Options for Seniors. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **EXPANDING U.S. TRADE WITH SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on Expanding U.S. Trade with Sub-Saharan Africa. Testimony was heard from Speaker Gingrich; Charlene Barshefsky, U.S. Trade

Representative; Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

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### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 1997**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### **Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the structure and modernization of the National Guard, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Full Committee, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making supplemental appropriations for the Department of Defense, natural disaster relief and other emergency assistance, and other non-emergency assistance, 2 p.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs,* Subcommittee on Securities, to hold oversight hearings on social security investment in the securities markets, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,* to hold hearings on the nomination of Andrew J. Pincus, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the impact of emerging trade issues on the U.S. consumer, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings on the use of "Telepresence", the enabling technology for telemedicine and distance learning, 2 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Finance,* to hold hearings on increasing children's access to health care, and the nominations of Kevin L. Thurm, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Richard J. Tarplin, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, 9:45 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs,* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings on fighting crime and violence in the District of Columbia, 2 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* to hold hearings to examine the operations of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources,* to hold hearings to examine equal opportunity issues in the Federal construction industry, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

*Select Committee on Intelligence,* to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

#### **House**

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, on the Administration's Proposal, 11 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on Congressional and public witnesses, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on H.R. 1306, Riegle-Neal Clarification Act of 1997, 1 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on Medical Devices: Technological Innovation and Patient/Provider Perspectives, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Product Liability Reform and How the Legal Fee Structure Affects Consumer Compensation, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, to markup H.R. 1385, Employment, Training and Literacy Enhancement Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on "Federal Employees Group Life Insurance: Could We Do Better?" 9:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, oversight hearing on the Post FTS-2000 Procurement, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, hearing on "Bureau of Labor Statistics Oversight: Fixing the Consumer Price Index", 10 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, to markup the Foreign Policy Reform Act, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 764, Bankruptcy Amendments of 1997, and H.R. 120, Bankruptcy Law Technical Corrections Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.J. Res. 54, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of

the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, to markup H.R. 695, Security and Freedom Through Encryption (SAFE) Act, 2 p.m., B-352 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing on Safeguarding the Integrity of the Naturalization Process, 9:30 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, to markup H.R. 1420, National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997; and to hold a hearing on H.J. Res. 59, to disapprove a rule affecting polar bear trophies from Canada under the 1994 amendments to the Marine Mammal Protection Act issued by the U.S. and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider the following: H. Res. 129, providing amounts for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the 105th Congress; and an Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1997, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, to markup the following: H. Con. Res. 49, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; H. Con. Res. 67, authorizing the 1997 Special Olympics Torch Relay to be run through the Capitol Grounds; H. Con. Res. 66, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 16th annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service; and two amended GSA resolutions, 9 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, to markup the following: H.R. 408, International Dolphin Conservation Program Act; and H.R. 1463, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the Customs Service, the Office of the United States Trade Representative, and the International Trade Commission, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Wednesday, April 30

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

11 a.m., Wednesday, April 30

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 543, Volunteer Protection Act, with a second cloture vote to occur thereon.

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of H.R. 867, Adoption Promotion Act (open rule, 1 hour of debate); and

Consideration of H.R. 2, Housing Opportunity and Responsibility Act (open rule, 1 hour of debate).

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